

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 381

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 200th anniversary of
Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14, Free &
Accepted Masons.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to honor those organizations that have established a legacy of community service and philanthropy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14, one of the oldest Regular and Recognized Masonic lodges in the State of Tennessee, is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year under the leadership of Worshipful Master Dillon Thomas Reed; and

WHEREAS, officially chartered on July 17, 1817, Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14 survived the attacks of the Anti-Masonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s to help give birth to several other longstanding Smith County Masonic lodges; and

WHEREAS, while working under dispensation in 1817, Carthage Benevolent Lodge voted in favor of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee being permanently located in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a rich heritage and unique culture, Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14 has counted among its membership the legendary U.S. Senator Albert Gore, Sr., and Robert L. Caruthers, who helped establish Cumberland University, served as the first president of its board of trustees, and cofounded the Cumberland School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14 has survived and prospered over the course of 200 years of Tennessee history, and the lodge should be recognized on attaining this milestone; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the good people of Carthage and Smith County in

commemorating the 200th anniversary of Carthage Benevolent Lodge #14, Free & Accepted Masons, and extend its officers and members our best wishes for much continued success and fellowship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.